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GOV. EASLEY ANNOUNCES RECIPIENTS OF OUTSTANDING VOLUNTEER SERVICE AWARD IN NORTH CAROLINA

RALEIGH – Gov. Mike Easley today announced the recipients of the North Carolina Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service in North Carolina. The award honors individuals, groups and businesses that have made a significant contribution to the community through volunteer service.

"More than 330 recipients from 82 counties are receiving awards this year for their hard work and commitment to improving the lives of North Carolina citizens," Easley said. "These men and women have provided invaluable service to their communities and the difference they have made can been seen in the numerous schools, churches and other organizations where they volunteer."

The statewide volunteer recognition program, established in 1979, is an important part of the history and tradition of volunteerism and community service in North Carolina. Since the program's inception, more than 15,000 North Carolinians have received the award.

For more information on the Award for Outstanding Volunteer Service, visit <u>www.volunteernc.org</u>, or for information about the recipients, contact the respective county coordinator, who oversees the nomination process.

Following are this year's recipients and county coordinator information:

Alamance County: County Coordinator: Ruth Pruitt,

336/438-2000 Will Scotten Esther Stadler Beverly White

Alexander County: County Coordinator: Jamie

Starnes, 828/632-9332 Scottie Barnes

Carlton and Robbie Crouch

Phillip A. Hartis Charles Parkhurst Max H. Smith Alleghany County: County Coordinator: Bob

Bamberg, 336/372-5473 Thomas B. Burleson Charity Stellena Caudill Ted Dorsett Patricia A. Polley Mary Ruth Setzer

Anson County: County Coordinator: Bernice Bennett,

704/694-6616 Dr. Bernice Bennett Charles J. Boyle

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